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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**James Robert Adair, Jr. et al.**

Serial No. **09/954,443**

Filed: **September 17, 2001**

For: **Heat Seal Die and System and Method  
For Portion Control Sized Packaging**

Art Unit: **3721**

Examiner: **Thanh K. Truong**

**RESPONSE**

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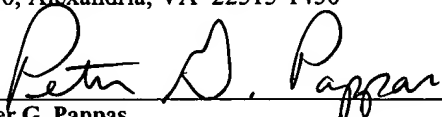
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, kindly consider the amended claims and appended remarks. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time and requisite fee is filed herewith.

The Pending Claims begin on page two of this Response and the Remarks begin on page 8. There are no amendments to the claims in this Response. Applicant's remarks and the evidence submitted herewith put this application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in condition for appeal.

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Date: **February 9, 2005**